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SUBJ: TRIPOLI ATMOSPHERICS

1. EGYPTIAN REVOLUTION DAY JULY 23 WAS OBSERVED AS PUBLIC
HOLIDAY IN TRIPOLI AND ELSEWHERE. THE DAY PASSED QUIETLY
BUT FOR MANY PEOPLE APPREHENSIVELY AS RADIO TRIPOLI
CONTINUED REPORT NEW EGYPTIAN ATTACKS ON TOBRUQ, KHUFRA
AND OTHER TARGETS. BY END OF DAY LIBYANS CLAIMED TO HAVE
DOWNED EIGHT EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT.

2. CLIMAX OF DAY WAS RECEPTION AT EGYPTIAN EMBASSY
PRESIDED OVER BY CHARGE AHMED ADEL WHO CLAIMS TO BE
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WITHOUT INFORMATION OR INSTRUCTIONS. MOST OF
DIPLOMATIC CORPS ATTENDED SOMEWHAT NERVOUSLY, NOT
OUT OF LOYALTY TO EGYPT BUT RATHER SEEKING OPPORTUNITY
EXCHANGE VIEWS AND KEEP UP ON LOCAL GOSSIP. ONLY
EXCEPTION WERE SOVIETS WHO ARE NORMALLY ACTIVE ON
DIPLOMATIC CIRCUIT BUT HAVE NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE
OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES.

3. MOST OF HEADS OF MISSION HAD BEEN CALLED TO FONOFF DURING COURSE OF DAY TO RECEIVE LIBYAN VERSION OF EVENTS. (I HAVE NOT YET BEEN SUMMONED) EAST EUROPEANS, MINUS RUSSIA, HAD BEEN CALLED AS GROUP ON NIGHT OF 22ND AND RECEIVED BY JALLUD WHO SOUGHT THEIR MORAL AND POLITICAL SUPPORT DURING TIME OF CRISIS FOR LIBYA. GULF ARABS WERE ALSO CONVOKED BY JALLUD WHO CASTIGATED THEM FOR FUNDING EGYPTIAN WAR MACHINE. ASIANS AND EUROPEANS WERE RECEIVED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENT HEADS IN FONOFF AND TREATED TO REPETITION OF TRIPOLI RADIO BROADCAST. WEST EUROPEANS, PARTICULARLY GERMANS, FRENCH AND BRITISH, ARE CONCERNED ABOUT PERSONNEL IN TOBRUQ WITH WHOM CONTACT HAS BEEN TENUOUS SINCE OPENING OF HOSTILITIES.

4. TRIPOLI REMAINS OUTWARDLY CALM WITH NORMAL ACTIVITIES CONTINUING. ONLY NEW ITEM IS REPORT (CONFIRMED BY BRITISH CALEDONIAN AIRWAYS) THAT BENGHAZI AIRPORT IS NOW CLOSED TO CIVILIAN TRAFFIC. TRIPOLI AIRPORT STILL OPERATING BUT MOST LIBYAN AIR INTERNAL FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED. PRESUMABLY THEY HAVE BEEN DIVERTED TO OTHER DUTIES.
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